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**Edelen Releases Audit of Knott County Sheriff's Tax Settlement**

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** – State Auditor Adam Edelen today released the audit of the sheriff's settlement - 2010 taxes for Knott County Sheriff Dale Richardson. State law requires the auditor to annually audit the accounts of each county sheriff. In compliance with this law, the auditor issues two sheriff's reports each year: one reporting on the audit of the sheriff's tax account and the other reporting on the audit of the fee account used to operate the office.

The audit found that the sheriff's financial statement fairly presents the taxes charged, credited and paid, for the period April 16, 2010 through April 15, 2011, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

As part of the audit process, the auditor must comment on non-compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants. The auditor must also comment on material weaknesses involving the internal control over financial operations and reporting.

The auditor noted no instances of noncompliance. The auditor also noted no matters involving internal control over financial reporting and its operation that were considered to be material weaknesses.

The sheriff's responsibilities include collecting property taxes, providing law enforcement and performing services for the county fiscal court and courts of justice. The sheriff's office is funded through statutory commissions and fees collected in conjunction with these duties.

This report can be accessed at [here](#).

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